

# **P**roclamation

## **The International Day of Peace September 21, 2016**

- WHEREAS:** *the issue of peace embraces the deepest hopes of all peoples and remains humanity's guiding inspiration; and*
- WHEREAS:** *in 1981 the United Nations proclaimed the International Day of Peace be "devoted to commemorating and strengthening the ideals of peace both within and among all nations and peoples"; and*
- WHEREAS:** *the United Nations expanded the observance of the International Day of Peace in 2001 to include the call for a Day of Global Ceasefire – personal or political, and invited all nations and people to make peace in one's own relationships as well as impact the larger conflicts of our time for the duration of the Day; and*
- WHEREAS:** *there is growing support within our city for the observance of the International Day of Peace, which affirms a vision of our world at peace, and fosters cooperation between individuals, organizations and nations; and*
- WHEREAS:** *global crises impel all citizens to work toward converting humanity's noblest aspirations for world peace into a practical reality for future generations,*
- THEREFORE:** *Be it resolved that I, Gene Winstead, Mayor of the City of Bloomington, do hereby declare September 21<sup>st</sup> as:*

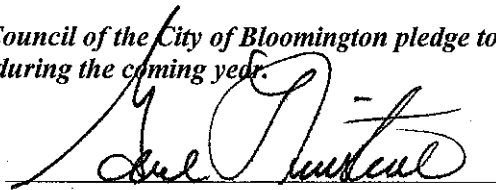
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*in Bloomington and urge all citizens of Bloomington to join together to support this effort;*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** *that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bloomington urge all government departments and agencies, organizations, schools, places of worship and individuals in our city to commemorate, the International Day of Peace and we challenge others with a call to action to join us in establishing a global day of peace in our homes, our communities and between nations. In Bloomington, this will include a Naturalization Ceremony hosted by the Bloomington Human Rights Commission for two hundred individuals on September 14<sup>th</sup> at Bloomington Civic Plaza.*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** *that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Bloomington pledge to support the activities of the Bloomington Human Rights Commission during the coming year.*

**Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of September 2016.**

  
Gene Winstead, Mayor  
City of Bloomington, MN